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September 19th, 1906.

The Rev. Samuel A. Moffett, D.D.,
Madison, Indiana.

My dear Dr. Moffett:-

On returning from my vacation, I found your letter of August 1st and Dr. Halsey's reply to it. I need hardly tell you of my strong sympathy. It seems to me that your judgment regarding the situation in the Hawaiian Islands is very wise. I could perhaps only emphasize the doubt whether the Board would be able for financial reasons to undertake work there in any event. The financial pressure is so tremendous for the maintenance of our existing work that the Board feels obliged to be very cautious about adding new responsibilities. This consideration is intensified in this case by the fact that the Hawaiian Islands have long been considered the special field of sister evangelic churches. With the Congregational, Episcopal and Methodist churches all on the field and willing and able to look after the Koreans there, I think that our Board would not feel justified in entering such a field, especially when by doing so ^{money} many would have to be taken away from the work in Asia.

In San Francisco, however, the situation appears to be a little different. Dr. Halsey informs me that he has not yet succeeded in getting the money for which he has appealed, but he is trying to get it and hopes that something can be secured. There are so many appeals before the churches just now that the Board has to be pretty cautious about adding to the number. Every dollar of the

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anticipated income for this year has been pledged in the regular grants and there is a debt of \$110,000. besides, so that we are in trouble, but there are one or two individuals concerning whom we have hopes.

I am eager to see you and to have a good long talk with you. I understand from your brother that you expect to be in Princeton after a little. Of course then you can run over to New York and see us. It will be good to welcome you.

Affectionately yours,

A. J. Brown

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Sept 27th., 1906

The Rev. S. A. Moffett, D.D.,
Madison, Ind.

My dear Dr. Moffett:

Congratulations on your election as Moderator of Presbytery. It is an honor well deserved. I wish the Synod would honor itself by choosing you to preside over its deliberations.

Dr. Halsey and Dr. Bratt are in charge of the Synodical arrangements in Indiana and I think Dr. Halsey is to be there himself. He is now in Wisconsin, but I will consult him on his return next week. I am sure that he will be delighted to know that Dr. Gale and you are both to be there.

I note your suggestion about the Koreans and the Home Board. When Dr. Halsey left he had strong hopes of a gift from a lady who had been approached, but thus far nothing has been received. As soon as he comes back, which will be the latter part of next week, he will take up the matter at once. I share your anxiety.

You will receive a letter from Mr. James Reynolds, Chairman of the Committee on Oriental Immigration, of the Immigration Conference of the United States, asking you for a report to the Committee on the Koreans of the Hawaiian Islands and California. I am a member of the Committee and suggested this. Mr. Reynolds will doubtless tell you that the Committee will pay any expenses involved. We are studying the question of Korean immigration, and are very desirous of having the information that you can throw upon it.

Cordially yours,

A. J. Brown

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October 11th, 1906.

To the Korea Mission,

Dear Friends:-

I am now happy to announce that Mr. Edward S. Harkness of the Madison Avenue Church of New York, has given the \$500. gold to complete the residence at Chai Ryong and it was appropriated for this purpose at the meeting of the Board the 2nd instant. It is a great relief to us and I am sure a very much greater relief to Dr. Whiting and his associates at Chai Ryong.

By the time this reaches the field, I presume Mr. and Mrs. Hunt will be with you. Their marriage September 20th brings into your Mission circle a lady who as I have already written to you has fine qualifications for missionary service. I have known the family for years. A very large circle of warm friends follow her to Korea.

Some time ago I wrote to Major MacArthur of the United States Army asking him if he would kindly write me his opinion of our missionary work in Korea, as he had opportunity to see it. He has replied in the following letter:

"Dear Dr. Brown:-

Upon my return to San Francisco, after a long absence, I find your note of November 10th, 1905, in which reference is made to my visit to the Severance Hospital in Seoul. I hasten to acknowledge the same as it affords me an opportunity to express in a formal manner the warmest appreciation of the splendid work the missionaries are doing in the hospital, and the great satisfaction that should accrue to all who are concerned in the creation of such an admirable institution. My recollection is that the hospital needs just a little more financial support to make it a perfect establishment, in which connection I recommend it for the most generous consideration. In a very extended tour of the entire East I found no institution doing more beneficent work than the Severance Hospital in Seoul.

I desire further to speak in the highest terms of commendation of the missionary work I saw elsewhere in Korea, especially at Pyong Yang, where a devoted and intelligent body of Presbyterian missionaries are doing the most admirable work and diffusing a general tone of Christianity and civilization throughout an extensive region; such work is certainly deserving of the most cordial and generous support.

Very respectfully,

(signed) Arthur MacArthur."

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I need hardly state that we are going to ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~
spread this letter all over the country.

With cordial regards to all the members of the Mission,
I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Arthur J. Brown

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October 13th, 1906.

The Rev. Samuel A. Moffett, D.D.,
Madison, Indiana.

My dear Dr. Moffett:-

I am sorry to say that the money for the Koreans in San Francisco has not yet developed. We have to appeal so much for objects that it is not always easy to add an additional one. We have a lady in mind now from whom we hope something, but there is nothing more tangible than a hope.

It is agreed here that the Board gives you authority to raise this money as an extra if you can do so among any of your friends or the friends of Korea, taking care, of course, not to divert sums that would otherwise come to the Treasury of the Board. Don't you know of someone to whom you could write? We are anxious with you to get the matter settled as quickly as possible, but with every dollar of the anticipated income of the year pledged in the regular grants and a debt of nearly \$111,000., the Board has to move cautiously unless the funds are in hand.

Cordially yours,

Arthur J. Brown
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Nov. 7th, 1906.

The Rev. Samuel A. Moffat, D.D.,

New York.

My Dear Dr. Moffat:

At the meeting of the Board the 5th instant the following action was taken:

"An appropriation of \$221.00 was made for the salary of a Korean helper and for other expenses incident to work among the Koreans in California from Nov. 10th to the end of the fiscal year, the work and expenditure to be under the direction of the Rev. J. T. Laughlin. The total cost of the helper and the work shall not exceed \$50. per month and that the Koreans themselves are to furnish \$11.00 of this amount, the Board guaranteeing the remaining \$39.00".

As we talked this matter over, I simply give you this for your convenience that you may have it in writing.

Cordially yours,

A. J. Brown

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November 8th, 1906.

To the Korea Mission,

Dear Friends:-

Mrs. J. C. Blair of New York has sent us \$100. gold toward the new hospital at Taiku. By the terms of our agreement with Miss Mary H. Wright, we cannot use any money but her own in the building proper, but it has occurred to us that this gift could be used to good advantage in furnishing the Hospital and at the meeting of the Board the 5th instant it was appropriated for this purpose.

We have not yet received any action of the Mission or its Executive Committee regarding the return of Dr. and Mrs. Underwood. The letters from Dr. and Mrs. Underwood indicate that he has been very ill and that he is still ill in France. There does not seem to be any question about the facts of the case, but the Board does not like to take formal action until it has the official mission action. If one was sent it must have been lost en route and in that event I hope that the one that sent it will forward a duplicate.

We have Miss Barrett's letter of October 10th enclosing a letter of October 6th to Mr. John H. Converse of Philadelphia, regarding the Girls' Boarding School and giving a very interesting account of it. She states, however, that a furnace, ^{that} was ordered last March or April has not been received and that there has been no answer to the letter regarding it. Inquiry in the Treasurer's Office ~~elicits~~ elicits the information that no such order was received there, nor was any such order sent to me. Perhaps the furnace was ordered of some parties outside of the Board, but if so, Miss Barrett does not state whom they were. We can only conjecture that the letter might have been lost in connection with the catastrophe in San Francisco, April 30th. I sug-

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gest that Miss Barrett or whoever gave the order send a duplicate to the Treasurer of the Board immediately in order that no further time may be lost. Mr. Day says that he has just received an order for the Boys' School, but none for the Girls.

The Woman's Society of Los Angeles Presbytery has paid in a further sum of \$1490.95 gold toward the Mary T. Miner residence at Taiku, this amount being a further pledge toward the pledge of that Society to provide \$3000. for this purpose. This sum was appropriated the 5th instant. You will recall that \$600.73 were appropriated Sept. 17th so that the total appropriated to date is \$2,091.68.

You will appreciate our deep sorrow over the sudden and unexpected return to this country of the Rev. William M. Barrett on account of ill-health. We have received Dr. W. O. Johnson's certificate of October 9th and his explanatory letter of the same date, setting forth the fact that the return was agreed upon by consultation of physicians at the close of the Annual Meeting. The facts stated justify all too clearly and painfully the necessity of the step and the Board at the meeting already referred to approved his return and made the necessary appropriation for travelling expenses. We sympathize very deeply with Mr. and Mrs. Barrett and we most earnestly hope and pray that God will restore them both to health. We feel keenly too the added burdens that are brought upon the other brethren of the Taiku station.

We have also received Mr. McFarland's letter of October 12th, and Mrs. Barrett's letter of October 5th as Secretary of the Taiku station enclosing Dr. C. H. Irvin's letter to Mr. Barrett of September 28th regarding the return to this country of Mrs. McFarland. The matter was referred to in my letter to the Mission of September 22nd. I need only acknowledge the receipt of these letters. We do not raise any questions

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as to the necessity for her return, but we think it very desirable that wherever possible, the orderly course prescribed by the rules of the Board should be followed in all cases of missionaries who return to this country.

Dr. Gale and Dr. Moffett are both in the office to-day and I am having a delightful conference with them. It is good to see them, and hear their joyful account of the wonder-working of God in Korea is a tonic to faith.

You will be rejoiced to know that a lady who does not wish her name to be given, who calls herself simply a friend of Missions, has pledged Dr. Moffett \$5000. for a theological Seminary building at Pyang Yang and has paid in \$1500. of this amount. I have just had the joy of cabling this to Dr. Lee, so that he might be able to begin plans at once. We understand that the \$1500. gold already in hand will suffice to cover the immediately necessary operations and we trust that by the time the seminary is ready for further expenditures, further payments will be made.

Dr. Moffett has made a special study of the Koreans in California and in accordance with his strong recommendation the Board has taken the following action:

"An appropriation of \$281.00 was made for the salary of a Korean helper and for other expenses incident to work among the Koreans in California from Nov. 10th to the end of the fiscal year, the work and expenditure to be under the direction of the Rev. J. H. Laughlin, the total cost of the helper and work shall not exceed \$50. per month and that the Koreans themselves are to furnish \$11. of this amount, the Board guaranteeing the remaining \$39.00." The helper whom he has selected is Deacon Pang.

With warm regards to all the members of the Mission, I remain,
as ever,

Affectionately yours,

A. J. Brown